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Let Us Save The Annual South

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President Southern Seminary
Ten Rules for Avoiding a
Boring and Impotent
Convention

Rule No. 1—Appoint a Committee on Order of Business made up of people who have never attended a session of the Southern Baptist Convention and forbid them to

read any old Convention programs. The present format is so encrusted with barnacles, with pastures full of sacred cows, and beset with so many fetishes that it is as big a mishmash as the metaphors in this sentence.

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BSSB Has \$36 Million Budget

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)—The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a \$36,165,000 budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 at its semi-annual meeting at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

The budget reflects an increase of almost \$3 million. Sales of church literature, income from publishing and Baptist Book Store profits will provide the amount.

After costs of sales and operating expenses have been cared for, \$7,298,000, or 70 per cent of available earnings, will be allocated to support Southern Baptist churches through 17 educational and service programs. The remainder will be used for capital improvements and reserves.

The board also authorized construction of additional hotel-motel type structures at its two assemblies during the coming fiscal year.

Three additional units, including 46 bedrooms with private baths, will be added to Thunderbird Plaza, a motel-type unit at Glorieta Baptist Assembly, N. M.

At Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, N. C., construction of a 60 bedroom hotel-type struc-

ture was authorized. To be called Holly Hall, the new hotel unit will include private baths and provisions for winter use.

In other actions the board:

- Authorized enlargement of the auditorium at the board building in Nashville. The structure, to be used for worship, music, drama and educational programs, will seat about 1,150.
- Approved a new grading plan and curriculum products to be effective Oct. 1, 1970. The adult division of the plan was authorized to be divided into young adults (18-29), adults (30-59) and senior adults (60 up). Preschool children's and youth division were approved by the board in January. All literature will be correlated similar to the present Life and Work series for young people and adults. Uniform lessons will be offered for youth and adult divisions.
- Elected Samuel E. Madox of St. Joseph, Mo., as president of the board. Julius C. Thompson of Nashville as chairman of the executive committee and Roy Babbs of Nashville as secretary.
- Named Kenneth McAneur, office supervisor of the

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and sermons and declare them to be fixed orders of business. This would include the Convention sermon and the president's address as well as others. We would therefore be able to anticipate the time of these high hours. Further, we would not destroy the setting for the message accidentally by extending the time for some other item of business. These fixed items would come at precisely the point on the clock at which they were planned.

Rule No. 3.—Begin the first morning session with not less than one full hour for miscellaneous business. Some folk cannot wait to blow off steam. Installing a blow-off valve is better than blowing up.

Rule No. 4.—Follow the first miscellaneous business period with the S.B.C. Executive Committee's report.

Rule No. 5.—Require that all actions related to the program of any agency of the Convention whether initiated by the agency, the S.B.C. Ex-

ecutive Committee, or a messenger to the Convention be dealt with at the time assigned to that agency. This will keep the Convention from speaking contradictory terms on a single issue because of the failure of the messengers to see the interrelatedness of notions which

otherwise might be offered two days apart (and with a different set of messengers in the meeting).

Rule No. 6.—Make the first item in the period assigned to any agency the election of the directors or trustees of that agency. This will serve to remind the messengers of their

primary method of directing the affairs of the agencies.

Rule No. 7.—The sequence of events in the period assigned to each agency should be as follows:

(1) Election of the board members for the agency.

(2) Recommendations from

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PRESIDENT ASKS FOR PRAYER AND ACTION FOR JUSTICE

WASHINGTON (BP)—The President of the United States appealed to the conscience and soul of the nation for "peace based on one man's respect for another—and upon mutual respect for law."

In the face of riots and anarchy in major cities of the nation, President Johnson turned to God-fearing people as he proclaimed a National Day of Prayer, which was held Sunday, July 30. He urged the people to go into their churches "to pray for order and reconciliation among men."

But, he pleaded with the nation, prayers are not enough. He insisted that action must accompany praying. Solutions to riot conditions must not be based on fear, he continued, but the citizens must be "fired by conscience."

Appealing to highest motivations, President Johnson urged the nation: "Let us build something more lasting: faith between man and man, between race and race, faith in each other—and in the promise of America."

Many Visible Results Mark Ohio Crusade

Nineteen additions to the churches and a record high over-all Sunday school attendance on July 23 were among the visible results of the Witnessing Crusade to Ohio participated in by 60 Baptist men from Mississippi July 18-23.

"They gave a great boost to us" was the reply of Rev. Jerry Lewis, pastor of Geneva Church, when asked by Rev. Ross Hughes, superintendent of missions, to give his response to the visit of the Mississippi men.

Mr. Hughes, of Warren, Ohio, is superintendent of

missions for the Steel Valley Baptist Association, located in the heavily populated northeast section of the Buckeye State where the crusade was held.

One mission began services Sunday, July 16 and another started services Sunday, July 23.

Grand total attendance in the 19 churches and missions that have Sunday services on Sunday, July 23 was 1,040, a record high.

There were more than a dozen professions of faith made in the homes during the crusade. Mr. Hughes de-

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FROM RECENT RIOTS

Detroit Baptist Work Escapes Major Damage

The Cass Park Baptist Church on 12th Street just South of Grand River was on



Rev. Fred D. Hubbs

ly slightly damaged—only a few windows and lights broken—even though it was within the area hardest hit by the riots.

"I've checked today as best I could," said Hubbs, "and

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Dialogue Series Begun

By Jim Newton

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. (BP)—A unique series of Sunday night worship services at the Snyder Memorial Baptist Church here, according to the church's pastor, has broken down biased attitudes and stereotyped images and created a bond of fellowship and understanding between Baptists and churches from six different denominations.

The series of six Sunday night services, entitled "What Our Church Is Doing To Redeem the World," has featured messages on this subject by ministers from the local Methodist, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches.

Following the sermons, the congregation which has included both Baptists and guests from the other denominations, has moved to another part of the church to exchange in a dialogue-type "talk-back" to allow the members and visitors to ask questions and express their own viewpoints.

James Cammack, pastor of the 1,700-member church, called the response "exciting" and "excellent."

"I think the main result," he said, "has been that we have found that we have more in common with people of whom we have been previously suspicious doctrinally."

Cammack, however, said that there was no effort on the part of the church to have a local-level ecumenical movement. "It is a cooperative venture rather than the hope of unity or merger."

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Baptist Girl Passes Up Piedmont Flight No. 22

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following story was adapted from The News, daily newspaper published in Frederick, Md., syndicated by the Baptist Press with permission.

By Jim Fellows
Staff Writer
The News
Frederick, Md.

A 33-year-old father and a father's frantic prayer played a crucial role in the life of a 15-year-old Baptist girl from Louisville, Ky.

Margaret Kelley, the daughter of a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, still has her ticket for Piedmont Airlines Flight No. 22 from Asheville, N.C., to Washington, D.C.

The ill-fated flight ended in a fiery collision over the Blue Ridge foothills of Western North Carolina near Hendersonville.

After attending Training Union youth week at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, N.C., Margaret was scheduled to fly to National Airport in Washington where she would meet her father and then go by car to Hood College near Frederick, Maryland.

Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Page H. Kelley, and

the rest of the family was already at Hood College for the Maryland Baptist Assembly. Kelley is an associate professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

Young Margaret decided to forsake her reserved seat on Flight 22 and take a chance

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This year 27 associations will meet the week of Oct. 9-13 with 40 scheduled to gather during the week of Oct. 16-20.

This means that 67 of the 77 associations this year will meet during the two-week period, Oct. 9-20.

The trend toward night meetings, begun several years ago, continues, with perhaps more associations holding night meetings this year than ever before.

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NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Reigning Miss Mississippi Is MC Student



COLLEGE WELCOME—Mississippi College's reigning Miss Mississippi, Joan Stephanie Myers, is pictured being congratulated by Dr. Howard E. Spell, academic dean of the college, during a homecoming celebration at the college last week. Dr. Spell presented Miss Myers with the "Homecoming mace famous during the football rivalry between the Choctaw and neighboring Mississippi. She is to carry it to Atlantic City as a good luck piece. She holds a dozen red roses presented by Jim Jones of Expos, president of the Student Body Association. Miss Myers was given a full scholarship for her two remaining years at the college. (R. C. Photo)

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The schedule follows:

Adams: Oct. 23, 24, Calvary; Alcorn: Oct. 19, North Corinth, Oct. 20, First, Corinth; Attala: Oct. 7, 10, 11, Parkway; Benton: Oct. 2, 3, Hamilton, Bolyar: Oct. 16, Duncan, Oct. 17, First, Cleveland; Calhoun: Oct. 12, First, Calhoun City, Oct. 13, Bethany; Carroll: Oct. 18, Carrollton; Oct. 9, North Carrollton, Chickasaw: Oct. 9, Mt. Olive, Oct. 10, Houlka; Choctaw: Oct. 11, Ackerman, Clarke: Oct. 9, 10, Stonewall; Clay: Oct. 9, 10, Enoch; Copiah: Oct. 19, Harmony, Oct. 20, Shady Grove; Covington: Oct. 19, Rock Hill, Oct. 20; First, Mt. Olive.

DeSoto: Oct. 16, Center Hill, Oct. 17, Colonial Hills and Grays Creek; Franklin: Oct. 10, Concord; George: Oct. 16, 17, Barton; Greene: Oct. 12, Leakesville, Oct. 13, West Salem; Grenada: Oct. 16, 17, 18, Airport; Gulf Coast: Oct. 16, 17, 19, First, Wiggins; Hinds: Oct. 16, 17, Morrison Heights; Holmes: Oct. 9, Harlan's Creek, Oct. 10, First, Tchula; Humphreys: Oct. 12, Silver City; Itawamba: Oct. 5, Antioch and Fairview; Jackson: Oct. 9, Belle Fountain, Oct. 10, First, Pascagoula; Jasper: Oct. 16, Bethany, Oct. 17, Enoch; Jeff Davis: Oct. 19, Carson, Oct. 20, Hathorn; Jones: Oct. 16, First, Laurel, Oct. 17, Bethlehem; Kemper: Oct. 12, Blackwater, Oct. 13, West Kemper; Lafayette: Oct. 9, Taylor, Oct. 10, Temple Heights and Clear Creek.

Lamar: Oct. 9, Greenville, Oct. 10, First, Lumberton; Lauderdale: Oct. 19, 20, Westwood; Lawrence: Oct. 16, Waini, Oct. 17, Antioch; Leake: Oct. 19, First, Carthage, Oct. 20, New Zion; Lebanon: Oct. 17, Sunrise and Green's Creek; Lee: Oct. 23, Tupelo, Oct. 24, Chesterville, Oct. 25, Birmingham; Leflore: Oct. 16, Schieler, Oct. 17, Calvary; Lincoln: Oct. 19, Mt. Pleasant, Oct. 20, Pleasant Hill; Lowndes: Oct. 16, Fairview, Oct. 17, McBee; Madison: Oct. 16, Lone Pine, Oct. 17, First, Canton; Marion: Oct. 3, North Columbia, Oct. 4, Hurricane Creek; Marshall: Oct. 16, Potts Camp, Oct. 17, Coldwater.

Mississippi at Woodville
Mississippi: Oct. 12, Woodville, Oct. 13, Mt. Olive; Monroe: Oct. 23, Friendship, Oct. 24, Bartahatchie; Montgomery: Oct. 16, Scotland, Oct. 17, North Winona; Neshoba: Oct. 10, Trinity, Oct. 11, Laurel Hill; New Choctaw: Sept. 29, 30.

Many Visible Results Mark Ohio Crusade

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clarified, continuing, he said:

"Twenty-nine Mississippi men came in July, 1966, to help 12 established congregations with 11 pastors to direct them."

Sixty Mississippi men came in July, 1967, to help 17 established congregations with 15 pastors to direct them.

"We are asking for 90 men June 25-30, 1968, to help the 25 congregations we expect to have with 25 pastors to direct them."

Now Rev. Charles Magruder, missionary in Western New York, asks for 25 to 35 men and Rev. Marvin Palmer in the Akron-Canton area of Ohio asks for men to help.

125 Men May Go.

"From Mississippi leaders came the suggestion that a goal of 125 should be set to help meet these growing needs and requests for help."

"Multiply what these crusades have meant to Steel Valley Baptist Association in Northeast Ohio by as many as can be arranged and the result is revival, revival in the control corner of the nation. Revival in the northeast corner may mean survival."

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ley Association report five more congregations in 1966 than in 1965 while the Ohio Convention reported only 16 more congregations than the year before."

"This is something of what men's crusades can mean to pioneer missions. The men themselves said the crusade in 1967 was going to help their witnessing in Mississippi."

"One young pastor said, 'I have witnessed to more lost people in four days than there are acknowledged lost people on my church field.'

"Others made remarks such as, 'Being able to witness and win here convinces me that we can witness and win in Mississippi!'

The Geneva Church pastor pointed the men from Mississippi helping his church to the site of the Vacation-Bible school being conducted under canopies on a vacant lot and asked, "Would you like to observe the VBS now and begin the census of the area after noon?"

The men replied, "Why can't we begin the census now?" and they immediately began. They talked to people that morning who will be a part of the Conneaut congregation as soon as a pastor can be found for the work."

Mr. Hughes said that practically all of the pastors who were contacted told a similar story regarding the work of the Mississippi men.

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STATE CONVENTION BUILDING

Steady progress is being made on the construction of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Building, scheduled to be occupied later this year. Top photo shows scene on first floor with center and lower pictures showing views on second floor. There are four floors in the new building.

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the SBC Executive Committee dealing with any programs assigned to the agency or any affairs of the agency.

(3) Recommendations for Convention action from the board of the agency.

(4) Motions by any messenger to the Convention regarding any program of the agency or actions with reference to the agency.

(5) Questions from the floor directed to the agency, limited only to the requirement that the messenger identify himself and ask a maximum of two questions.

(6) General report from the board or staff of the agency. The regulation which requires an agency to reserve one-third of its report time for discussion is both unworkable and inadequate. All of the time assigned to an agency should be available to the messengers if they want it.

Rule No. 10—The climax and close of the Convention should be on either Thursday or Friday night with the Foreign Mission Board report. If the Foreign Mission Board report cannot be given on Friday night, and if the messengers will not remain through Friday, close the Convention Thursday night instead of letting it in disgrace as at Miami '67 (disgrace describes those who defaulted on their expense account and left early, not the few youth program planned). — Reprinted From The Tie

Home Mission Board report, the Foreign Mission Board report, will have right-of-way. The ideal agenda is a mix of business and inspiration in every morning afternoon, and evening session. Therefore eliminate all regulations which prevent the transaction of appropriate business at any point in a Convention session. Protect both the right of the messengers to transact business and the period allocated to inspiration.

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Rule No. 8—Provide a minimum of one hour for miscellaneous business in each morning and each afternoon session. If the full hour is not needed for miscellaneous business, it may be used up by discussions or business in connection with an agency. If not, let the Convention close early. (Closing the Convention early may shake the stars but they will not fall.)

Rule No. 9—Include whatever business with reference to agencies is needed in the night sessions but set a fixed hour beyond which business may not be transacted and inspirational programs such as the Convention sermon, the

PARIS (RNS) — The prospect of a lifetime spent in prison faces at least 67 Spanish Jehovah's Witnesses who have been prosecuted for refusing to accept military service, the French Radio said in a broadcast beamed overseas.

It said that the conscientious objectors are serving terms ranging in length from 6 months to 14 years and that under Spanish law they can be tried and sentenced repeatedly for the same offense.

Four of the men now in prison, the broadcast added, are serving their third consecutive terms and have already been imprisoned for periods ranging from 8 to 14 years. Twenty others have been sentenced for the first time during the past year.

The 60 men who participated were enlisted by the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board, Rev. Elmer Howell, Secretary.

Detroit Baptist Work Escapes Major Damage

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the churches have seemingly escaped much property damage. The other denominations have not suffered much damage to their churches either."

The state convention offices closed down on Monday following the first Sunday night riots, but were opened to a "skeleton crew" of about six workers on Tuesday.

The building, located just north of the worst rioting section, near Grand Avenue, houses the state Baptist offices on the lower floor, and provides living quarters for working women on the upper floors. Called Priscilla Hall, the building originally was built by Mrs. Henry Ford as a home for working girls.

"We have 93 women living in the building, and they've been terribly upset," Hubbs said. "Just the caretakers and the houseman and the counselors were all that were here with them during the worst of it."

He added that they were especially upset when they learned that the snipers had been captured right next to the Baptist Building.

"The troops were all around us here," Hubbs said. "They unloaded right in our parking lot and searched the area for snipers."

"No one has been shot right here," he added. "We thank the Lord for that."

State Baptist workers met with Negro ministers on the second day of the riots in an effort to set up housing, food

stations, distribution of clothing, and aid to the victims of the riots.

Mystery Prevails

Hubbs said that the Negro leadership could not explain why the riots occurred. "No one has stepped forth to voice a disgruntled word saying 'this is why we have done it', so this is a mystery," Hubbs said.

It all started, he explained, when police raided a place called The Blind Pig that sells drinks after hours.

"There seems to be a pattern to it," he added. "These people seem to break in, loot the stores, haul and cart the merchandise off, and then the fires start. But the bulk of the people in the streets had nothing to do with initiating it, even though they partici-

pated in the looting after it gets started."

Hubbs speculated that there seemed to be some kind of lawless mob that has perpetuated the rioting and organized for it. "They seem to jump from one place to another," he said.

Hubbs said that fear has shaken the entire city. "The snipers are on the expressways and on the roof tops, and you never know when you are going to be shot at from any direction when you are driving down the street."

The state Baptist leader urged Baptists throughout the nation to pray for the people of Detroit and other areas where rioting has broken loose this summer. "We hope the worst of it is over now," he said.

DIALOGUE SERIES BEGUN

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which is not what we are after," Cammack said.

"I think the ecumenical movement, when it is structured, is a good deal more shallow than the task that we have in each doing his own task in his own way, but each doing the same task," Cammack added.

The pastor said that the series has emphasized what each different church is doing in the world to present the Christian message and redeem mankind, rather than emphasizing the doctrinal differences between the churches.

Real dialogue has resulted between the Baptists and the other denominational groups, he said. "There has been doctrinal discussion and doctrinal differences of opinion expressed, but there has been no defensive attitude about this."

Can Ask Any Question
"This freedom of dialogue," he added, "means that you can ask me any question and I will try to answer it as freely and honestly as I can."

The dialogue, Cammack continued, has helped the Baptists to understand why, for example, the Pentecostals speak in tongues. With this understanding comes fellowship and improved relationships.

"This fellowship and understanding," he said, "is even being generated with Roman Catholics."

Another result, he said, has been the response from the unchurched people in the community who have come to the services, perhaps out of curiosity, and have heard the message of Christianity.

In one service, he said, attendance was about 300, with perhaps one third of them visitors from the other denomination, and about 35 who were members of no church.

None of the churches except the Baptist and the Pentecostal churches have Sunday night services, Cammack added.

None of the other churches have made plans to conduct similar services in their churches. "It is not a swap-off," Cammack said. "It is just something we have done to get good fellowship."

"The Christian church has too long been criticized for talking to itself," he added. "We hope this series will attract people of all faiths — and no faith. The services so far have been most helpful," Cammack said at the half-way point in the six-week series.

Churches which are participating in the unique series at the Snyder Memorial Church are: St. Paul's in the Pines Episcopal Church, Northwood Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church, Highland Presbyterian Church, Highland Methodist Church, St. James Lutheran Church, and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Baptist Girl Passes Up Flight

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sort of just wandered," he said. "I got so lost that I didn't even get to the airport until about 4:30."

The card gave her a considerable discount on the cost of plane fare to Washington where she was to meet her father, but she would have to wait for a seat until there was an opening.

Margaret was lucky that morning. She managed to get a seat on a United Airlines flight to Washington. The young girl got a seat so quickly that she forgot to cancel her reservation on ill-fated Flight 22.

Kelley left Frederick that day after the noon proceedings of the assembly. He was driving along U.S. 70S, about halfway to Washington when the 2 p.m. news announced the mid-air collision, and that there were no survivors among the 82 persons in the two planes.

"I was so shaken at first I

sort of just wandered," he said. "I got so lost that I didn't even get to the airport until about 4:30."

Mrs. Kelley added that later he told her that at the moment he prayed that he would give up "everything in the world, if only Margaret could somehow be saved."

"I knew there could be no mistake," he said. "I kept remembering that I had bought the ticket myself to assure her a quick trip here with no waiting."

One of Kelley's other two daughters, Judy, 11, was riding with her father. "She heard the news and she knew," he explained.

"I really didn't know what to do," he continued. "I went to the Piedmont ticket window, just to check." There he was politely told that his daughter's reservation had not been cancelled, and that it appeared that she had been on the jet.

The receptionist made sev-



UNUSED PLANE TICKET THAT SAVED A LIFE: Margaret Kelley and her father, Page Kelley, look at a ticket for the ill-fated Piedmont Airlines Flight No. 22 which crashed near Hendersonville, N. C., recently. —(BP) Photo by J. R. Coffman, Frederick News-Pilot, Frederick, Md.

Then Margaret, in another part of the terminal, answered the page and talked to her father over a phone.

"I didn't know what was wrong," explained Margaret. "I was worried because I hadn't cancelled my ticket. I felt sort of funny when Dad said that the plane I should have been on had crashed."

Soon a call was made to Mrs. Kelley at Hood College, explaining there had been a plane crash, but that Margaret was alright.

"I wasn't sure until she walked in the door. I thought they had prepared me for the worst," said Mrs. Kelley.

Margaret's little sisters, Judy, 11, and Mary, 7, added that "Later Daddy remembered it was his birthday and he said 'What a birthday present!'"



Rev. Dick Brogan

Accepts Position With Seminary

Rev. Richard (Dick) Brogan resigned as pastor of the Soso Baptist Church on July 30, to join the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary as director of education and promotion in the eleven Delta counties and supervisor of Baptist Student Work at the Coahoma Junior College and the Mississippi Valley State College.

He will have an office in Cleveland and at the Mound Bayou Center of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in Mound Bayou. He will live in Cleveland.

In addition to his work in the Delta, he will work with Dr. William P. Davis, director of Work with National Baptists and president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, in promoting and supervising the constantly growing work of the Seminary and the Sophia Sutton Mission Assembly. He will begin his work about August 15.

Mr. Brogan is a native of Laurel and a graduate of both Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary.

Prior to going to Soso he held several pastorates in the state, including Calvary, Elizabethtown, Sledge, Unity, Magnolia, Gladys, McComb and Gaines Church, Wilmot, Ark.

He has previously worked with the Mississippi Baptist Seminary in the following capacities:

Dean of Shady Oak Center, Collins; dean of Southeast Center, Hattiesburg; supervisory dean for south Mississippi.

He has been active in denominational affairs as well as civic enterprises. He is married to the former Catherine Dunn of Magnolia. They have two daughters, Beth and Vicki.



John R. Prothro

Vicksburg, First, Names Minister Of Education

On July 1, John R. Prothro began his services as minister of education at First Church, Vicksburg.

Mr. Prothro moved to Vicksburg from a similar position at Third Avenue Church, Louisville, Kentucky. During his time of service there he also did a year of graduate study in Christian education at Southern Seminary.

A native of Shreveport, Louisiana, he was graduated with a B. S. degree in petroleum engineering from Louisiana Tech College at Ruston. Following his graduation he spent two years in the Army, sixteen months in Germany.

Having worked for a time as a junior engineer for Texas Eastern Transmission of Shreveport, he entered the ministry of education. In 1963 he was graduated from Southwestern Seminary with the degree of Master of Religious Education. Following his graduation he worked as minister of education at First

BRAZIL DEDICATES HOSPITAL

More than 500 persons attended the inauguration of Baptist Memorial Hospital in Fortaleza, Brazil, on Sunday afternoon, July 2.

The governor of the state of Ceara (of which Fortaleza is the capital) cut a ribbon and thus officially opened the hospital. Also present for the ceremony in the hospital yard were other government officials, representatives of the state Baptist convention, a representative of the Roman Catholic bishop in the area, and Baptist pastors and missionaries.

Rev. Horace Victor Davis, missionary field representative for Brazil, and Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, medical consultant for the Foreign Mission Board, unveiled a plaque in the lobby which states that the hospital is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr. He was secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board from 1942 until his death in 1954.

Pastor's Son Dies In Hattiesburg

Michael Lavon Roberts, 18, son of Rev. and Mrs. Olyn F. Roberts of Petal, died at the Methodist Hospital, Hattiesburg, on Saturday afternoon, July 29, after an illness of about two years. His father is pastor of Crestview Church, Petal.

Mike, as he was known to his friends, was born in Louisville, and had grown up in several places where his father had served as pastor. He graduated from Petal High School with this year's class, although much of his high school work had been done in Meridian.

Mike was a musician and had cut a record of instrumental music, both organ and piano, which is entitled Mike Roberts Plays Sacred Melodies. It is available from Autrey's Christian Book Store in Hattiesburg.

Mike had been a Christian for several years, and, according to family and friends, had given a wonderful Christian testimony, even during his long illness.

He is survived by his mother and father, a sister, Deborah Lois, three grandparents, other relatives and many friends.

Brief memorial services were held in Hattiesburg and Meridian, before the body was carried to Louisville for the final funeral service. The body lay in state in the First Baptist Church, Louisville, from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, and funeral services were from the church at 2:00 o'clock. Officiating were Rev. Leonard Holloway, Meridian, assisted by Rev. Vernon May, Louisville, and Rev. Hollis Bryant, Laurel. Interment was in the Memorial Park, Louisville.

Enthusiastic televiewers in Honduras have saved Baptists' weekly program, "The Church in the Home," from an unfavorable time spot and helped put another Baptist program on the air.

On May 17, Southern Baptist Missionary Harold E. Hurst, producer-director of "The Church in the Home," was informed by the station manager in Tegucigalpa that the program would have to relinquish its place in the Sunday evening prime-time lineup. The time was needed for another commitment, it was explained.

An interview with the president of the three-channel TV company produced nothing more than an uncertain offer of a Sunday morning spot. So Mr. Hurst took the case to the people.

When he went on the air May 21 he appealed to viewers to come to the program's support. The station's telephone switchboard immediately jammed with calls, and during the next week 1,471 letters were received, many of them bearing from 20 to 40 signatures. Items in four newspapers fanned interest.

By Saturday the president was ready for another conference. He and Mr. Hurst agreed on a good Saturday evening spot for the Baptists.

Then, remembering that a Sunday morning time had been mentioned, the missionary suggested it would be nice to start Sundays with a devotional program. Much to his surprise, the president acquiesced: "It probably would be good. To show you there is no discrimination, we'll give you that time. When do



STATE BAPTIST SLOW-PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT SET

The State Baptist slow-pitch Softball Tournament will be held in Jackson Aug. 24-25-26, according to R. W. Brister, Jackson, director of the Hinds Baptist Recreation Association, sponsor.

Last year 26 churches were represented and this year's tournament should be the largest yet, according to Mr. Brister.

Any Baptist church interested in having a team to participate should contact Mr. Brister at once at P. O. Box 16052, Jackson, Miss. Entrance fee is \$19.00 per team and the deadline for entry is August 16.

Broadmoor Church in Jackson was the 1966 tournament winner.

IN HONDURAS

TV Watchers Rally To Baptist Program

Enthusiastic televiewers in Honduras have saved Baptists' weekly program, "The Church in the Home," from an unfavorable time spot and helped put another Baptist program on the air.

Thus, on June 3, "The Church in the Home," began appearing at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, and the next morning the new program, "Sunday Devotions," opened in its 9:30 spot.

"I've filed most of the letters we received," says Mr. Hurst. "It surprised even me to learn how popular our program is, although it has an estimated audience of well over 250,000.

"It will take some time to gain an audience for the new program, but I'm sure we will.

"But—what do I have myself into now? More scripts, more rehearsals.

"And I also have duties with the Baptist theological institute, the book store, the medical clinic in El Porvenir, and field evangelism.

"If my work load were narrowed, I could really go into TV."

Alaska Church Dedicates \$1.2 Million Building

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)

First Baptist Church here has dedicated a new \$1.2 million church plant which will seat 1,250 people and provide space for 21 Sunday School departments.

Special guest speakers for the week-long dedication were Anchorage Mayor Elmer E. Rasmussen, Attorney Stanley McCutcheon, Alaska Senator Ernest Gruening, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Pioneer secretary Wendell B. B. and Alaska Baptist Convention Executive Secretary W. Hunke Jr.

Children's Village Reunion

Is Slated For August 12

The day's events on August 12 will begin around 9 a.m.

W. G. Mize, former superintendent of the home, says that the planning committee will feature the early years with publications and pictures this year, then the middle years at a later reunion, and finally, recently years at a subsequent time.

He asks that Village alumni make it a point to contact one or more former associates and urge them to meet at Children's Village on Saturday, August 12, for the Homecoming Reunion. "It will be helpful if you will drop a note to 'Baptist Children's Village, Box A, Delta Station, Jackson, and tell them how many will be in your party, including yourself," he says.

In a letter to all those who formerly lived at the Village, Paul N. Nunnery, superintendent, expressed a feeling of indebtedness to them for the "glorious heritage of this Christian home."

Church Message Unchanging Speaker Says

DETROIT (RNS) — Styles may come and go, the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union said here, but the message of the church is "unchanging."

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows made his remarks at the interdenominational, international and interracial 49th Christian Endeavor Convention here. It was sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

"The true church is indestructible because it proclaims an unchanging message to the world," Bishop Meadows declared. "Styles may come and go, girls may change from wearing long hair to short. Boys may shift from pompadours and short hair to long flowing locks."

"But the message of the church — the message of the terribleness of sin — the violation of God's eternal laws, and the glorious message of the forgiveness for sin through Christ and the transformation of people's lives by His grace is unchanged from one generation to the next."

The young delegates at the convention passed resolutions calling for Christian approaches in a number of areas.

Historic Church Sells Property In Atlanta

ATLANTA (BP) — Inman Park Baptist Church, one of Atlanta's most historic churches, has voted to sell its buildings and property to the state Highway Department for \$757,300 to enable the state to build a connector road between new interstate highways being planned.

The church has until Dec. 31 to vacate the property. A new location is being sought in Southeast Atlanta, and there is a possibility of a merger with another church, said Pastor J. Broaddus Martow.

REVIVAL RESULTS

MT. PLEASANT, WEST: youth-led revival; students from Mississippi College were Russ Bush, Don Nichols, Peggy Gault; from Clarke College, Roy Pinkston, Jr.; from Holmes Junior College, Kay Martin; Rev. J. D. Johnson, pastor; two rededication; one public profession of faith, for baptism.

First Church, Pontotoc: Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor, First Church, Shreveport, evangelist; Dennis Bucher, director of music, Calvary Church, Jackson, song leader; Dr. W. Leon Moore, pastor; 10 for baptism.

Gore Springs Church: Rev. G. H. Middleton, Southside, Louisville, evangelist; John Dresbach, First Church, Wilson, Arkansas, music; Rev. Edgar Harvey, pastor; 2 professions of faith; 4 by letter; 3 rededication.

First Church, Durant: Dr. Robert Hughes, Pensacola, Florida, evangelist; Mr. Randle Veazey and Mr. Herbert Valentine, music; Rev. Durell Makamson, pastor, 14 professions of faith; 4 by letter; 3 rededication.

Ridgeway, Vicksburg: July 9-15; Rev. Gwin Turner, Bowman Avenue, Vicksburg evangelist; J. Doyle Turner, Myrtle, music director; 16 professions of faith; two by letter; scores of rededication; Rev. Charles Tyler, pastor.

Utica Church: July 9-14, one by letter, one by statement, and nine by profession of faith. Evangelist Rev. Billy Smith of Independence, Miss.; Rev. John Ed Snell, pastor.

Bassfield Church: July 16-21; evangelist: Rev. Carl Barnes, pastor of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg; song leader: Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music and youth, First Prentiss; additions by letter: 6 professions of faith; 6 largest attendance in many years; a genuine church revival; Rev. Luther M. Dott.



'WINNING OTHERS FOR CHRIST' — MIAMI — Leaflets are handed out by Bill Lee, Mississippi Baptist of Picayune, delegate at the 58th annual meeting in Miami of Gideons International, an association of business and professional Christian men dedicated to "winning others for Christ." The Gideons are noted for their wide distribution of Scriptures in public places — hotel rooms, hospitals, prisons, transportation facilities, and military installations.—(RNS PHOTOS)

THE EDITORIAL PAGE

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Action, Now!

The nation has been shocked during the past few days by the tragic events which have occurred in Detroit, Newark and other American cities. It is difficult to believe that such things could happen in the United States.

Now national leaders, both in and out of the government, are seeking to assess the reasons for these lawless, senseless, riotous acts. Many explanations are being given, and more will come. Nevertheless, it seems evident that many of the smug answers that were given after Watts will not satisfy now.

Out of all of it, one thing seems evident: Social action is not enough! We have been hearing much about the necessity for more social action, and that Southern Baptists must move into that field in a larger way if they are to be relevant to this modern age. The fact is that large segments of Christendom have been giving major emphasis in this area. Some denominations and many churches seem to have been giving priority to bringing about social justice, raising of living standards, and solution of racial problems.

Religious leaders and other groups have prevailed upon the government to become concerned about social needs, and national, state, and local governments have poured multiplied millions of dollars into social action programs. The federal government has adopted the president's slogan of "the Great Society" and America has set about to build a new society for all of its citizens.

According to reports no cities in the nation have done more in social action than Newark and Detroit. The budget for social services in the city of Detroit for 1967 is reported to be \$27,000,000. This was for community improvements, youth programs, job training, etc. Racial discrimination in job opportunities is said to be practically non-existent in Detroit. Many churches

in the city have dedicated much of their program to social matters. Certainly not all of the problems have been solved, but it seems evident that no city has made a greater effort to solve social problems.

Yet Detroit has been hit as if by a bomb. The losses are astronomical. Never in the history of America has there been such lawlessness and rioting. More than 40 were killed, and thousands were injured. Great segments of the city were left in ruins.

What is wrong? Where was the failure? What was lacking?

The answers, perhaps, are many, and various groups may find different ones. For Christians, however, there seems to be one basic answer, no matter how many others may be found.

That answer is simple. Social action simply is not enough. Men and women and young people need something more than mere social uplift. They need regeneration! They need the new birth! They need their hearts changed, and only that can change their lives. The Bible says that the hearts of men are evil. Let those who deny this, explain what has happened in Newark or Detroit, or the actions of those leaders who are declaring that they will "burn America". Human nature needs a change! Only God can give it! Men and women need the work of God in their hearts. Social action does not bring that.

Has this fact been forgotten by many Christian leaders? Has their zeal for social work been so great that they have overlooked the greater need of salvation? Some modern churches apparently have become so obsessed with social needs that they have abandoned preaching the gospel altogether. Others have substituted sacramental salvation and church membership for a new birth. The result is that the vast majority of the people are still unregenerate.

It is from such groups that lawless, Godless, destructive forces are recruited. Such unsaved people are a fertile field for communist propaganda and enlistment. Many of them readily listen when Godless men lead them to hate, rioting, theft, murder, looting, and other lawless acts.

Most certainly the churches have responsibility in the social field, and must be concerned about the needs of people. Also, government agencies should do everything possible to solve social problems. Every

citizen has a responsibility to work for justice and full freedom for his fellow men. But the church has a larger responsibility. It alone can carry the message of salvation, and any time that it substitutes social action for soul winning, or emphasizes the one and neglects the other, the result will be tragic. Many other groups will share in meeting the social need, but only the church can meet the spiritual.

Detroit, Newark, Watts and a hundred other places shout at the church. They are crying that it is time that Christians were busy at the main task the Lord gave them . . . namely, winning men and women, boys and girls, to personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and an experience of salvation. Nothing else is so important! Nothing else is so necessary! This alone, in the final analysis, can bring the change America needs.

Southern Baptists, and all other Christian groups who believe in the redemption of souls through the Lord Jesus Christ, need to be aroused. There was much discussion at the recent Southern Baptist Convention about cooperation with other evangelicals. Maybe this is the hour, and this is the cause, which can bring cooperation in Christian witness. Why should not every evangelical in America join now in praying and planning and working for the greatest revival and soul winning crusade the nation ever has known?

We have been playing at evangelism, winning a few and leaving the masses untouched. Now Satan is on the march. Communism and other Godless isms are courting and reaching the multitudes the churches have neglected. Satanic leaders are calling men to follow them in programs which will destroy America. Christianity has the only answer to this, with its message of Jesus Christ.

Will Southern Baptists awake to the world need that is about them? Will they arise from their lethargy and lead out in a mighty soul winning effort? Will they turn to God for revival, and then, filled and led of the Holy Spirit, go forth as endued witnesses to bring men to God?

If they do, God could use them to lead out in the revival America needs.

If they do not, what is ahead, for them, and for America? God may get somebody else, but what will happen to Southern Baptists?

Detroit, and other cities are calling . . . calling for action, now!

EDUCATION
What's Happening

Education Commission, SBC

When members of a school committee sat down in Richmond, Rhode Island, for a meeting recently, they found a printed notice at the top of their agenda:

"In the event of atomic attack, all rules against praying in this school are indefinitely suspended."

There are other kinds of explosions today. The explosion of knowledge is one of them, and it is causing professors to have less identity with their pupils and their campuses and more with professional disciplines. To illustrate the professors' taste of staying up-to-date:

There are 10,000 journals of chemistry; 5,000 journals of biology; 1,000 journals of mathematics; 1,000 journals of physics; 9,000 journals of medicine; and 8,000 journals of agriculture available today.

The quantitative explosion is well-known. It is not always recognized, however, that the seeming rebellion of the masses of young people in universities is not just a reflection of their immaturity, but of a climate of revolution that is a part of this era.

Certainly one of the main roles of the university in society is to teach an involvement in contemporary affairs.

Anti-Conversion Bill Rejected By India

NEW DELHI (RNS)—India rejected demands, made in the national Parliament, for legislation to "channel" funds of foreign Christian missions in this country through government agencies, and to ban conversions of tribesmen and other Indians under 21.

Vidya Charan Shukla, Minister of State for Home Affairs, told the House that the government already has constituted checks to prevent misuse of mission funds from abroad.

The proposed legislation banning conversion of the young was considered prior to 1950 by the old Constituent Assembly of India and rejected as impractical, he said.

Mr. Shukla pointed out that the government always has taken action in proved instances of conversion under duress. Government policy, he noted, calls for a thorough investigation of all complaints of such conversion.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

August 7 — W. C. Gann, Prentiss - Tishomingo supt. of missions; James Terp, Panola supt. of missions.

August 8 — Charles Malone, Baptist Book Store; Johnell Cooley, Baptist Book Store.

August 9 — Mrs. Ota Stroud, staff, Children's Village; James A. Breland, Baptist student director, Delta State College.

August 10 — Joanne Kneitel, staff, Clarke College; Mrs. Lenore Hoffman, dietitian, Blue Mountain College.

August 11 — Mrs. Evelyn Burke, Christian Action Commission; Mrs. Roy Womack, Baptist Building.

August 12 — Joel Ray, faculty, Carey College, and supt. of missions, Lebanon Association; Hazel Beauchamp, staff, Carey College.

August 13 — Mrs. Marilyn Walker, staff, Gilroy School of Nursing; D. Gray Miley, faculty, Mississippi College.

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Newest In Books

ONE RACE, ONE GOSPEL, ONE TASK two volumes edited by Carl F. H. Henry and W. Stanley Mooneyham (World Wide Publication, two volumes, more than 850 pp., Volume I \$4.95, Volume II \$6.95, combined price \$9.95)

These are the official volumes of messages, reports, and Bible studies given at the historic World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, Germany, in late 1966. More than 1200 delegates from 100 countries attended this great evangelical congress. Volume I contains the messages delivered at the congress. Here the introductory speeches, the main addresses, the Bible studies, the reports from various nations and the summary messages are presented as they were delivered at the meeting. There are several messages by Billy Graham, and others by outstanding evangelical leaders from around the world. Volume II includes major papers delivered at the congress, plus 130 brief addresses on the subjects discussed in the sectional meetings. The subjects of the sectional meetings were the authority of evangelism, the theology of evangelism, hinderance to evangelism in the church, obstacles to evangelism in the world, methods of personal evangelism, methods of group evangelism, and some supplementary reports on other themes related to evangelism. These two volumes are two of the most valuable reference works on evangelism to be presented in this generation. They will be invaluable source books, for all who are interested in evangelizing the world today. They provide inspiration and information that will not be found elsewhere. They will grow more valuable with the passing years as the full impact of this great evangelism conference becomes more evident.

A YOUNG BAPTIST leader speaks to modern youth on the challenge of Christian faith and what Christian living really means in today's world. The messages are clear, pointed, provocative, and challenging. The book won a \$2,000 award as the "best book in the area of youth and Christianity".

AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE by Herschel H. Hobbs (Baker, 355 pp., \$6.95)

This is the second volume of a series of expositions on New Testament books. The first was on Matthew. Dr. Hobbs is one of the most able and widely known scholars known among Southern Baptists. This expository volume covers the book paragraph by paragraph. Out of his broad knowledge Dr. Hobbs reaches into many

areas for his discussion of the great truths of the Bible. His keen mind analyzes and interprets the scripture message and out of his broad knowledge and rich experience he gives illustration and makes application. Dr. Hobbs is a thorough conservative and presents the scripture as it is, the revealed Word of God. This volume along with others in the series will prove of great value to both the preacher and other Bible students.

GLEANINGS FROM PAUL—Studies in the Prayers of the Apostle, by Arthur W. Pink (Moody, 351 pp., \$4.95)

As one studies the epistles of Paul he is struck by the number of times the writer mentions prayer, or pauses to insert a prayer in his letter. Now an outstanding Bible scholar, who went to be with the Lord only a few years ago, has gathered these prayers together and presented a study of them. The messages first appeared in a periodical, and now, for the first time, are put in book form. Here will be the material for many messages on prayer, whether sermons, devotionals, or simple Bible study. The author is thorough in his study, rich in his exposition, and deeply spiritual in interpretation and application. This book should have a wide reading, and, once read, will be referred to again and again.

PEN PICTURES IN THE UPPER ROOM by Bernard C. Clausen (Baker, paperback, 187 pp., \$1.50)

These 14 sermons are an attempt to make the communion service more vivid and meaningful. Reprinted from 1927 edition.

IT'S HARD TO BOW REVERENTLY . . . AND SILENTLY WHEN THE PASTOR SAYS...

ADAM CLARKE'S COMMENTARY abridged by Ralph Earle (Baker, 1256 pp.)

The Adam Clarke's Commentary on the whole Bible has been used for nearly 150 years, since the New Testament section appeared in 1810. The entire Bible was covered in an eight volume edition which was published in 1826. Now Dr. Ralph Earle, professor of New Testament at Nazarene Theological Seminary, has abridged this classic work so that it could be

published in one volume. He has done such an outstanding job that the values of the work of the original author is retained and all of the essential material is included. Like Matthew Henry, this famous old scholar provides a rich devotional interpretation of the Bible message. One is amazed at the freshness of the material, even for our day, nearly a century and a half after the author wrote.

The author was a Methodist, and one of the men entrusted with John Wesley's literary property. He was recognized as an outstanding scholar in his day. While Baptist Bible students will not agree with every interpretation they will find rich material in these pages.

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ARTHUR BLESSITT preaches in Hollywood's Sinners A-Go-Go Club, which features topless dancers.



CHRISTIAN TEEN-AGERS and Rev. and Mrs. Blessitt witness to hippies during "love-in" at Griffith Park, Los Angeles, Memorial Day weekend.



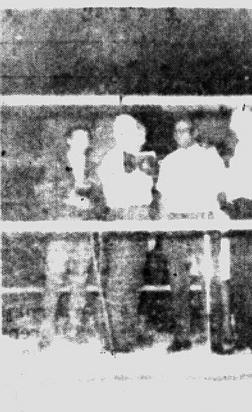
BLESSITT preaches to young people standing before a casket to which is attached "God is Dead" sign; 1,000 heard this message in front of a nightclub in Phoenix, Ariz.



BLESSITT preaches from the back of a pickup truck in front of the "Little Freezer" Ice Cream Stand at Oak Grove, La.



MRS. ARTHUR BLESSITT witnesses to a young man on the beach at Sunset Strip.



GOSPEL SINGING preceded the wrestling match at San Bernardino, California.



SINNERS A-GO-GO Club allowed Blessitt to hang his revival sign underneath their own.

NIGHTCLUBS, WRESTLING MATCHES, TEEN-AGE HANG-OUTS

He Reaches People Where They Are

By Anne W. McWilliams

The good-looking young preacher walked over to the dimly lit bar. His blonde, brown-eyed wife stopped at a table to talk with one of the nightclub patrons.

The preacher did not buy a drink. Nor did his wife accept one from the gentleman with whom she spoke. Both were pursuing their lives' greatest goal: to go "where the people are" to tell them of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"I have orders to get you out of here," That was the manager's voice.

"May we see the owner first?" the couple wanted to know.

"It's the owner who wants you to leave," came the snap reply.

Moments later, in the office of the owner of Sinners A-Go-Go Club in Hollywood, California, Rev. Arthur Blessitt said, "If I had the courage to come in here, into a club billing topless dancers, you ought, at least, to listen to what I have to say!"

So the owner listened, and then he gave permission for Blessitt to hold an evangelistic rally in his club.

At 1:30 in the morning Preacher Blessitt stood where only ten minutes before a topless dancer had performed. For the rally, the dancers had dressed and returned for the next thirty minutes.

When Blessitt began to preach the word of Christ, the room was crowded, but at least half were fellow Christians (all adults) who had accompanied him to the nightclub to hear him speak and to do personal witnessing. With the click of billiard balls, and "hallelujahs" from vocal bar patrons, as a background, the young man talked of the search for happiness, and the acceptance of Christ into one's life. His wife, Sherry, rose to say that she was a go girl for Jesus Christ. Robert Cram sang spirituals.

At the invitation time, no one stepped forward to receive Christ, but afterward several came to talk with Blessitt. One of the dancers was converted, quit her job, and went back to her husband.

Blessitt has held six evangelistic rallies in nightclubs this year. He says, "You know, even when the club patrons get up and leave, we've achieved some success, for we've made them think of God."

The Challenge

Mississippi-born Arthur Blessitt is a young man faced with a problem, a challenge. He is not the first preacher who has noticed that thousands of people, who need to know about Jesus Christ, are not coming to church. But he is meeting this challenge in his own way, with enthusiasm and sincerity: "If we can't

get people to come to church to hear God's message of redemption, then it's our duty to carry the message to them where they are!"

When teen-agers are not in prayer meeting on Wednesday night, then where are they? Find them and go to them with the message.

If adults are not in church, where are they? Find them and give them the message.

A Revolutionary Answer

Blessitt admits that this method may be bizarre and revolutionary and sensational, but he adds that it has brought fantastic results. "Get out to the people where they are," he says. "Win them to Christ and to Christianity and then you can enlist them in the church program."

The evangelist is a Southern Baptist, a member of the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association which has headquarters in San Bernardino, California, P. O. Box 3146. Many Baptists are sending a dollar or more monthly to the association to help support this young man's ministry. Owen Cooper of Yaxo City is president of the association. Blessitt holds regularly scheduled revival meetings in churches and in specific areas all over the country. His ministry of going out where the people are, or "Outreach for Christ," as he calls it, does not take the place of revivals, but is done in addition to the revival ministry, often at night after the revival meeting. The Association has recorded 672 professions of faith and 2321 total public decisions during the last year.

A Wrestling Match

One night recently in San Bernardino, 1500 persons who went to a wrestling match heard organ music as they entered the auditorium. When they had found their seats and opened their programs, they heard gospel singing. Many looked around to see if they had accidentally stumbled into a church. But no, there was the ring, and the wrestlers crawling under the ropes.

Those who had read their newspapers that morning knew what was going on. Under the wrestling column—on the sports page, not on the religious page—it had been advertised that an evangelistic rally would be part of the program at the wrestling match, and that Arthur Blessitt would be the preacher. One sports fan remarked in astonishment, "Well, that's the first time I ever heard of preaching at a wrestling match! or any other sports event, for that matter!"

After the wrestling there was more gospel singing, then testimonies and messages. Counselors stood at the four corners of the ring to talk to those who came forward at the invitation. Six people professed faith in Christ.

Methods in "Outreach"

When Blessitt goes out to try to reach teen-agers WHERE THEY ARE—as he has done in many cities all over the country—ten to one hundred teen-age Christian witnesses go out with him and his wife, Sherry. They seek the spot where the most teen-agers are likely to be, and go to that place. Other adults go along, too, with at least one adult accompanying every five teen-age witnesses. On arrival, they mingle with the crowd and give out tracts ("God's Message to You") and do personal witnessing. Then if they can obtain permission, they hold an evangelistic rally right there on the spot.

They begin by singing choruses and gospel songs. Several teen-agers speak, giving their Christian testimony. Blessitt does not get up and "preach a sermon," but rather speaks briefly between songs and other testimonies.

Griffith Park

Holidays are left open, with no revivals scheduled, so that the Blessitts can go to places such as Sunset Strip where there are constantly thousands of teen-agers and young people on the beach, or to any place where huge crowds of teen-agers are gathered, to witness to them WHERE THEY ARE.

Memorial Day, 1967, Arthur and Sherry and 17 young people from five churches went to Griffith Park, Los Angeles, to witness to the hippies who were having a "love-in." Blessitt asked them to let him speak on the love of God. At first, the hippies refused, but finally consented to listen. Two teen-agers and Blessitt gave their testimonies. There were 14 professions of faith.

The Christian group had fellowship, food, fun, prayer, study, and witnessing. Reports of their adventures were carried all over the world. Reporters from European and British Commonwealth newspapers interviewed Blessitt. Newspaper articles were printed in the Los Angeles Times and other papers across the country. Almost all radio stations in California carried this story. Blessitt was interviewed on KABC by Michael Jackson whose name is a household word to millions.

At the "Little Freezer"

At Oak Grove, Louisiana, the Arthur Blessitt Evangelistic Association held a rally in front of the "Little Freezer" Ice Cream Stand. Five hundred teen-agers were gathered there. Fifty more arrived to help with the rally. Blessitt spoke from the back of a pickup truck, using a loudspeaker. There were three professions of faith.

At Skating Rinks

When a youth rally was held at Central Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, 75 teen-agers joined in "Outreach for Christ" and went out to do personal witnessing that night.

Later, another night in Hattiesburg, 51 young people went out, and 26 were saved during an evangelistic rally held INSIDE a skating rink, where they had gained permission to stop the skating and hold the meeting.

At Bogalusa, La., a rally was held OUTSIDE a skating rink, with gospel singing and testimonies in the open night air. Twelve were saved.

In Phoenix, Arizona

A near riot erupted in Phoenix, Arizona, when a group of teenage young people led by Blessitt presented their witness for Christ in front of a teen-age nightclub.

A black, flower-covered coffin was set on top of pickup truck as about 1,000 young people poured out of the Fifth Estate Club near midnight as it closed after a Saturday night dance.

Pastor Irvin M. Reed and the young people from Scottsdale Road Baptist Church in Tempe lifted signs and began to chant, "God is Dead." The crowd rushed to the truck and saw the coffin with a sign on it: "God is dead."

As the crowd gathered, Blessitt shouted, "God is not dead; He lives in my heart!"

The church youth lifted their

signs, saying, "God is not dead—He lives; Jesus lives in my heart."

Just as the evangelist began to speak, a group of teenagers charged through the police lines and destroyed the coffin. Some of the church group had coke poured on them and were cursed. Blessitt, standing on the back of the truck, was struck in the back by a board, spit upon, and hit in the face twice with rocks.

After the police restored order, Blessitt preached to about 1,000 young people. Teen-agers from the church climbed onto the pick-up and sang "He Lives."

A large group remained until 1:30 a. m. to be witnessed to and counseled with by the young people and their church advisors.

Other Places

Blessitt has witnessed at the "Hell's Angels" camp in Southern California, in Bourbon Street "strip joints," Nevada gambling casinos, and houses of prostitution. To these latter places, of course, he did not take the teen-age witnesses, but he and his wife, and sometimes other adults, went.

He says, "As decisions are



NEW MISS N.C.—Jean Stephanie Myers (left), newly crowned Miss Mississippi, explains one of her talent paintings to the new Miss Mississippi College, Eva Carol Antman of Columbia. Miss Antman succeeded to the throne at the college when Miss Myers won the Miss Mississippi Contest. Miss Antman was one of the ten finalists in the state-wide contest last year in Miss Marion County. Both girls are Baptist. Miss Antman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Antman of Columbia, while Miss Myers is the daughter of Mrs. G. L. Myers of Forest, N.C. (Photo)

Church Public Relations To Be Featured At Assemblies

NASHVILLE — The church administration department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will offer conferences in church public relations at Glorieta Baptist Assembly Aug. 10-16, and at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly Aug. 24-30, simultaneously with Bible weeks.

Skilled leaders will conduct conferences in "What Is Church Public Relations?" "Improving the Community Image of Your Church," "Press Relations and Your Church," "How to Plan a Publicity Campaign," "When Unfavorable News Develops"

and "Lead Church Members to Think PR."

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For registration, write Mark Short, Glorieta Baptist Assembly, Glorieta, New Mexico, 87535; or Willard K. Weeks, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, 28770.

He married Sherry Simmons of Bogalusa, La., in 1963. They have two children, a girl, Gina, and a boy, Joel.

He entered full-time evangelism during the summer of 1965.

Future Plans

In future, as soon as possible, he hopes to open a Christian Teen-agers Coffee Shop on Sunset Strip in Hollywood. He also plans to open a beach house there, where young people and college students can gather. There will be a permanent staff to work with the young people in Christian, recreational activities.

It Is A Way

Earl B. Crawford, metropolitan missionary for the Calvary Arrowhead Southern Baptist Association, Riverside, California, who helped in the evangelistic rally at the wrestling match, has written to Blessitt: "For a long time we have realized that the conventional methods are not going to win all the people to Christ. We do win a few but we are leaving out a great many because our methods are limited. As you said to me afterwards the other night, this is not the way, but it is a way to win some and therefore I'm hoping that others will be doing this sort of thing. I hope to encourage some to do so."

Reigning Miss

(Continued from Page 1) pi College as a freshman she has captured one beauty title after another. Many veteran observers feel she will capture even another one at the Miss America Pageant in September.

As a freshman, she was voted "Most Beautiful" by her fellow classmates and was featured in the Tribesman, the college yearbook. She later was elected "Sweetheart of Delta Sig" early this past school year, later became the "Rose of Delta Sig" and entered in a national contest sponsored by the business fraternity. She was named first alternate in this national contest.

Beauty Recognized Early

Her beauty was first recognized back in high school when she was attending Tullahoma High in Tullahoma, Tenn. There she was voted "Miss Tullahoma High" and reigned as Homecoming Queen.

Miss Myers is seeking a double major in art and biology at Mississippi College and hopes to enter the field of medical illustration. It was her art training that won her the talent portion at the Miss Mississippi contest. She displayed art which illustrated contrasting moods of Boris Pasternak's "Dr. Zhivago" and did on-stage drawings explaining the impressionist works as she sketched.

Miss Myers is a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton and active in many of its activities. She is also a member of the Baptist Student Union at the college and loyal participant.

Selection as Miss Mississippi has forced Miss Myers to give up her reign as Miss Mississippi College. Now wearing that crown is Miss Eva Carol Antman of Columbia, runner-up to Miss Myers in the local campus contest and one of the ten finalists in the Miss Mississippi Pageant last year as Miss Marion County.

Miss Antman is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Antman of Columbia, Dr. Antman is pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city and a member of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees.



Beth and R. L. Sigrest

The Sigrests To Present Sacred Music Concert

R. L. and Beth Sigrest will appear in a concert of sacred music at First Church, Yazoo City, on Thursday night, August 3, 8 p. m. This concert is being sponsored by the Mozart Music Club of Yazoo City.

Natives of Yazoo City, Mr. Sigrest and his wife, Beth, first served together as a music evangelism team when they were in high school. Both sing and play several musical instruments.

Mr. Sigrest is an ordained minister of the Gospel. Possessing a dedicated lyric tenor voice, his interest in evangelism has kept him singing and preaching in more than 100 revival meetings. For six years he served as a pastor in Mississippi. He has also served various churches

as minister of music.

Mr. Sigrest has recently released an album of sacred music, "I'll Tell The World."

In addition to revival meetings and concerts, his recent activities include singing before the Conference of Evangelists at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Florida, and at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference. He has also recently made special tape recordings of gospel music to be sent to the American troops in Vietnam.

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The Sunday School Lesson

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON—LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

The One True God

By Clifton J. Allen

Acts 17

Paul was a zealous and daring missionary. When it seemed wise to leave Philippi, he departed for Thessalonica, accompanied by Silas and Timothy. When vicious opposition arose, the missionaries moved on to Berea, where again there was fruitful work for a time but where opposition led Paul to go on to Athens, with instructions to Silas and Timothy to join him there. Paul did not run from opposition. He was following a wise strategy of preaching the gospel, starting churches, and going on to other centers. Our lesson concentrates on his experience in Athens, a city famous for its philosophy and art and idolatry.

The Lesson Explained GOD UNKNOWN BUT REAL (vv. 22-23)

Paul was not unacquainted with Greek culture and philosophy. But he was burdened with concern for the spiritual depravity of the Athenians. He saw evidence on every side that the city was steeped in idolatry. He, therefore, used the many idols as a tactful introduction for his sermon. The Athenians were very religious, but their religion was superstition, pure idolatry. In their anxiety not to overlook any god, they had erected an altar "to the unknown God." Paul had seen this, and he referred to it to tell them about the true God, Jehovah, the God of Israel, the God of all men—the only true God. God was unknown to the Athenians, but he was nonetheless real. God is a fact regardless of his being known or unknown, trusted or rejected. God is not just a projection of the mind or a concept in theology. He is real—supreme Person, eternal Spirit almighty Lord.

GOD . . . ACTIVE AND BENEFICIENT (vv. 24-28)

Paul declared to his hearers that God is the Creator of the universe, the Lord of heaven and earth. He cannot dwell in some man-made temple. Through his creative power the human race had its beginning, and through his sovereignty the human race has been preserved. The nations are under his control and are dependent on his purpose. Paul was declaring the unity of humanity because of a common origin in the first man Adam and because of a common dependence on the sovereignty of God.

The point of Paul's argument is that God is active and beneficial, because he is the living God—living Person—whose being is controlled by goodwill toward all the objects of his creation.

GOD RIGHTEOUS AND REDEEMING (vv. 29-31)

Paul went on to emphasize the response which people ought to make to God because of his righteousness and his redemptive love for them. Because men are the offspring of God, they ought never to think that his nature is like gold or silver or stone, something which can be carved by man into an image or idol. God dealt with mankind mercifully and patiently, overlooking his ignorance. Even so, God's righteousness requires man to be righteous. Therefore, man's sin requires repentance. God has appointed a day of judgment when men shall answer for the deeds of this life. God's righteousness and redemptive purpose found supreme expression in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul came to the climax of his sermon in the emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Truths to Live By

False gods cannot satisfy the deep needs of man. There is universal hunger for the true God. Such yearning can never be answered by superstition and idolatry or by the worship of science, wealth, fame and success, or the state. Such false gods are futile and worthless in relation to man's sense of guilt, his awareness of the moral responsibility, his fear of death, and his desire for a rational explanation of the

mystery and meaning of life. Something in the heart of man reaches out for the God of infinite love and power, of truth and righteousness, the God who communicates with man and responds to his cry, the God of forgiving grace and moral strength, the God of eternal unchangeableness, the God who has come near to man to help and to save him.

Speculation and rationalism are destructive to faith.—People are learning but not coming to a knowledge of the truth. They are asking questions without finding sensible answers. They are becoming academic without becoming educated. And thus their faith is drying up. It is time for Christians—and others as well—to learn that faith is not contrary to fact; it is not contrary to science. Faith goes beyond science to find in God the meanings and the motivations for life. Faith is unafraid of questions because it believes in God.

God commands men to repent.—If men do not repent with godly sorrow and with true faith, they will be condemned to eternal torment. Both the wrath and the mercy of God should lead people everywhere to repent, without delay.

FRANKLIN TO CELEBRATE 50TH YEAR

Franklin Church, Flora, in Madison County, will celebrate its 50th Year as a Baptist church on August 13, with Homecoming Day.

"We invite all the members to come and bring a basket lunch and bring your friends and enjoy church services at 11:00 A.M. with lunch on the grounds. The afternoon will be singing gospel singing. Guest speaker will be Rev. C. S. Moulder, whose father, Rev. Dan Moulder, organized the church fifty years ago," states Rev. W. M. Buffington, pastor.

Revival will begin Monday night, August 14, with Rev. Lynton Younger, pastor of Ridgeland Church, evangelist; Bill Wilbanks of Jackson leading in song service; and Miss Sue Cox at the piano; services Monday through Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Correction

Last week's "Names in the News" column stated that Dr. Jack Lyle, Director of the Fine Arts Division at Mississippi College, had accepted a position as minister of music at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. This was incorrect. The church has not yet called a minister of music. Jim Hawkins, organist at Daniel, is serving as interim music director.

The Specific Example Vs. 25-30

In verse 25-30 Paul made

LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM—

Stewardship Of Example

By Bill Duncan

1 Corinthians 10:23-31

The power of example cannot be measured. There are a lot of persons whose influence reaches around the world through lives they have touched for God. Just as powerful is the example for God and good is the influence for evil. Many people find excess for evil in the lives of so-called church people.

A person is responsible for the influence which he casts.

The Bible teaches that one should not teach or lead another to sin. "It would be better that a millstone were thrown around his neck and that he were cast into the bottom of the sea than that he would lead one of the little ones astray." Therefore, it is important that the conduct of Christians lead others in the right path.

In this passage Paul is laying the principles of the right kind of conduct so that a good example can be set. In a day when so many question the guidelines of morality, the Christian needs to be careful he practices the Christian spirit of influence.

Principles s. 23, 24

These principles are the conclusion to the section that admonishes the Corinthians to "flee from idolatry". There can be no leisurely contemplation of sin, thinking that one can go so far, and is safe from going further. The only wise course is to have nothing to do with it. The problem had come in question concerning the eating of meat offered to idols. In the preceding passage, Paul had explained the significance of taking part in idol feasts.

The principle introduced concerning one's example is that what actions are to be edifying. There are many things that are lawful but that are not wise. They do not build men up in the faith. It is more important to avoid such matters than to assert one's rights. The test for the Christian is not to be found in self, or in advantage to self spiritually, but in others, and the effect that may be produced upon others.

It is important that every Christian have a concern for the well being of others. There is no word in the Greek corresponding to wealth in verse 24. Paul intended that each Christian should seek to promote the best interest of other people, not selfishly seek his own.

The Specific Example Vs. 25-30

In verse 25-30 Paul made specific application to Corinth. There a great part of the sacrifices offered to idols went back to the market place, the shambles, where the meat was offered for sale as food. What were the Christian people to do? His advice

is that a Christian can buy anything that is sold in the shops and ask no question. As we have seen, it was true that the meat sold in the shops might well have formed part of a sacrifice or might well have been slaughtered in the name of some god lest the demons enter into it; but it is possible to be too fussy, to create difficulties where none exist. After all, the earth and all that is in it belong to God, and all things are God's.

If the Christian accepts an invitation to dinner in the house of a pagan, let him eat that what is put before him and ask no questions. But if he is deliberately informed that the meat is part of a sacrifice he must not eat it.

The assumption is that he is told by a brother who cannot rid his conscience of the feeling that to eat such meat is wrong. Out of consideration for the weaker conscience of such a one that strong should abstain from eating. The action which to the strong is a simple exercise of liberty must not be made the means of offense to another.

The meat is a gift of God and one should be thankful for it. Paul does not wish that an action done in this spirit should be a means of bringing forth evil speaking from others.

Summary 31-11:1

Paul summarizes everything by saying, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." We do not do things to the glory of God when we are vaunting our liberty at the expense of our brother. We do things to the glory of God when, as in the case of Paul, we give up certain of our rights in the interest of others.

"Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God." There are two principles of action—first, everything to the glory of God; second, putting no stumbling-block in the way of a brother. The glory of God and the good of man—all life is to be conditioned by these things.

Paul concludes by appealing to his own example. No personal advantage determines his guiding aim. He seeks that many may be saved. He does not do things that are pleasing to himself. So he calls on his followers to be imitators of him. He trusts that his example will point them to the Saviour.

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FIRST, MIZE TO CALL ROLL

First Church, Mize, will have a special roll call service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, August 6.

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Russell Plans Homecoming Day

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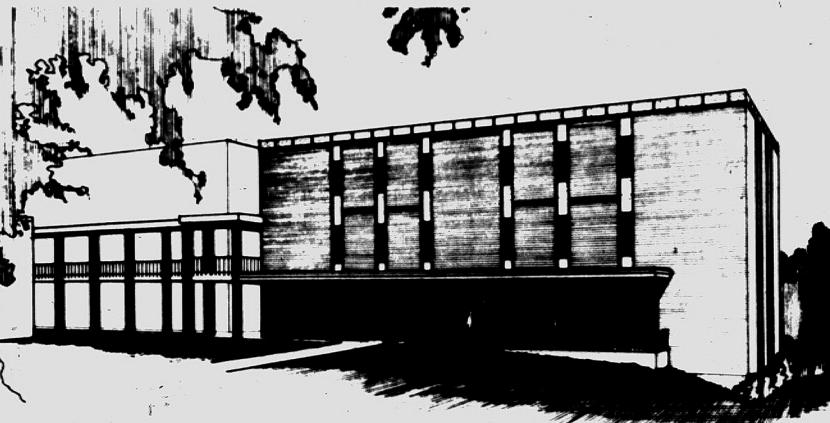
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Architect's drawing of proposed new educational building of First Church, Pontotoc.

Pontotoc, First, To Erect Education Building

The First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, has voted to award contracts, not including furnishings, in the amount of \$243,104.27 for the construction of an educational building.

The firms with which contracts have been signed are Building Service Company, West Point; Nash Plumbing Company, Tupelo; Jobe Electric Company, Tupelo; and Comfort Engineering, Tupelo. The architectural firm of Malvaney and Associates of

Tupelo and Jackson is working with the church in planning and construction of the building. The building will be a four story structure containing almost 17,000 square feet of floor space.

It will provide for six Nursery departments, four Primary departments, two Intermediate departments, one Adult department (to be used also as a Fellowship Hall and dining room) and a large modern kitchen.

The building will be a fire-

proof permanent structure of steel and masonry with exterior brick matching the present structure. It will be centrally heated and air-conditioned.

The church now has over \$91,000 in the building fund, and an effort is being made to boost this to \$100,000 in a special building fund day on Sunday, July 30, when ground breaking day will be observed. B. C. Hurt is the chairman of the Building Steering Committee, and Dr. W. Levon Moore is the pastor.

India Missionaries Plan Relief Program

The little Telugu-language Baptist church in Bangalore, India, is growing, making plans to build, and reaching out with ministries of medicine and aid to people suffering from a food scarcity.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Bethea, missionaries in Bangalore, are experimenting with ways to help the people help themselves produce eggs and garden products and make crocheted and lacework items for sale.

Dr. Bethea has been holding mobile clinics in connection with the church. People of all faiths attend the clinics, at which they receive Biblical portions and hear the gospel preached.

Negotiations for land for the proposed Baptist hospital in Bangalore are progressing slowly, reports Dr. Bethea. "The prospects for a produc-

tive Christian hospital are very bright," he says. "The government is cooperative, and our relationships with people of all faiths have been helpful."

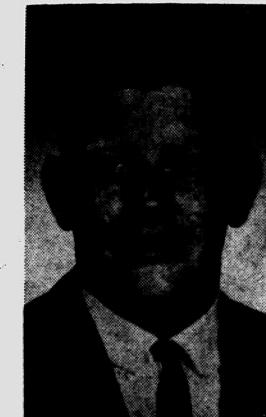
Ten persons were baptized by the Bangalore church in June.

Holly Springs Homecoming

Holly Springs Church, Marion Association, Foxworth, will have annual Homecoming August 6. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to be present for the first homecoming in the new church building. Order of Services: Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; dinner on the ground; afternoon singspiration. (See "Revival Dates.")



THE MEMBERS OF THE Banner Church (Calum) gathered recently after a regular Sunday morning service to break ground for their new church building. The \$31,500 plant is now under construction. The completed new facility will replace the old church building destroyed by fire on February 7th, 1967. The pastor, Rev. Floyd Higginbotham (center) is seen with two members of the building committee, Bill McGuire (left) and Mr. Clinton Ledbetter turning over the first spade of dirt. The church expects to occupy the new building about October 1st, 1967.



Churches In The News

Burton Mission in Prentiss County, which was begun last September, moved from an afternoon service to morning services the first Sunday in April, with the starting of a Sunday school. They recently held their first Vacation Bible School. On Sunday, July 23, there were five additions by letter and two professions of faith. Rev. W. C. Gann, Prentiss-Tishomingo, superintendent of missions, is serving as pastor. (See "Revival Dates")



SOSO ORDAINS PREACHER

Ordination services have been held for Nonnie Jefcoat who was recently called as pastor of Centerville Church, Jones County. He will begin his duties August 6.

Soso, First Church ordained Mr. Jefcoat, Sunday, July 30 at 5 p. m. The following ministers participated: Rev. Hardy Denham, Jr., First Church, Ellissville, Rev. Rayford Pridgen, Indian Springs Church; Rev. Gene Fank, Trinity Church; Rev. Harold Ishee, Plainway Church, Laurel; and Tommy Shows, minister of music at Soso.

Rev. Dick Brogan, pastor of First Church, Soso, preached the ordination sermon.

Nonnie Jefcoat

also a research associate for Dr. Oliver Brown, Office of Education Research No. 2294, and she undertook independent research for the Feminine Role Study for 1965-66.

During Dr. James' graduate years she was a teaching associate in the Department of Educational Psychology, University of Texas. She was

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(By Chester Swor)

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AUGUST BH TOPICS

THE BAPTIST HOUR sermon theme for August and September is "Life's Haunting Questions." The sermon topics for the last three Sundays in August are:

August 13 — "Is This a Friendly Universe?"

August 20 — "Does Anybody Care?"

August 27 — "Does Life Have a Leader?"

Dr. William E. Hull, Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be THE BAPTIST HOUR speaker for seven weeks beginning August 13.

The Baptist Hour Mississippi stations:

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WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE BAPTIST STUDENT UNION officials have announced the new Mission Fellowship officers for the 1967-68 school year. They are seated, left to right: Betty Perry, pianist; Audrey Lumpkin, publicity chairman; and Gloria Glass, secretary. Standing, left to right, are: Donnie Parker, president; and Clyde Pounds, program chairman. Not shown in the photograph is Charles Carpenter, chorister for the group.

Hardee Elected Seminary V-P

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The board of trustees of New Orleans Baptist Seminary here has elected F. Staley Hardee, Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind., as assistant to the president in charge of development and public relations.

Hardee, a native of South Carolina, is currently pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Indianapolis.

A recent graduate of the New Orleans Seminary, Hardee, 36, worked in the seminary's public relations office as a student.

Hardee is a graduate of the Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., and has attended Furman University (Baptist), Greenville, S. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

He replaced Joe H. Courson who became pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers, Florida.

East Columbia Calls Pastor

Rev. Norris Garner accepted the call as pastor of East Columbia Church on July 16. He and Mrs. Garner moved on the church field July 31.

Mr. Garner recently graduated from New Orleans Seminary, having graduated from Mississippi College in 1959.

He surrendered to the ministry at Ridgecrest Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, in 1956, has served 8½ years in pastorates in Pontotoc and Monroe Counties in Mississippi, and in New Orleans. He has been active in revival preaching during this time.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner of Hamilton, he is married to Audra Fay Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Watts, of Algoma. While at New Orleans Seminary, Mrs. Garner has served as secretary to Dr. H. Leo Eddie and Dr. L. Hardee Kennedy.

The Garners are the parents of one son, Howard Vance, 5.

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Bethesda (Oktibbeha): August 6-11; Rev. Gene Fant, Trinity Church, Laurel, evangelist; Truman a n Thompson, Starkville, song leader; services at 8 P.M. and 10 A.M. Sunday services at regular time, Rev. Charles Guy, pastor.

Goodyear, Picayune, August 13-18: Evangelist (pictured) Rev. Mel Mason, pastor of Faith Church, Tallahassee, Florida; song leader, Bill E. Spencer, Minister of Music, Goodyear.

Picayune, Rev. Arlis F. Grice, pastor.

Center Hill (Monroe): August 6-11; Rev. K. Z. Stevens (pictured), pastor of Calvary, Columbus, evangelist; Marvin E. Taylor, singer; Rev. Gerald H. Smith, pastor.

Juniper Grove (Pearl River): August 14-20; Rev. Roy Black, pastor of Juniper Grove, evangelist; J. D. Basson of New Orleans Seminary, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Charles Powell, minister of music; revival preceded by four weeks of cottage prayer meetings. (Homecoming August 20; lunch on church grounds; several former pastors expected to attend; all former members and friends invited.)

Escatawpa Church: August 7-13; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; youth - sponsored; featuring the Suddards' Evangelistic Team; Rev. Ralph Young, pastor.

Colonial Heights Church, Jackson: August 20-27; Rev. Carey Cox, pastor, First Church, Brandon, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Minister of Music - Education, Colonial Heights, in charge of music, assisted by Mrs. Hubert Q. Pray, organist, and Bill Clark, pianist; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jr., pastor; services at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. weekdays, regular times on Sunday.

Rehobeth Church (Rankin): Aug. 6-11; Rev. John Sartin, pastor, New Prospect Church, Brookhaven; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the grounds Sunday, Aug. 6; Rev. James A. Case, pastor.

Clear Branch (Rankin): July 30 - Aug. 4; Rev. James Whittington (new pastor) evangelist; Bobby Campbell, singer, services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Holly Springs (Marion): August 13-18; Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, First, Columbia, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. W. J. Hemby, pastor.

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Burton Mission (Prentiss): August 6-13; Rev. W. C. Gann, Prentiss-Tishomingo superintendent of missions, and pastor of this mission, evangelist.

Bethel Church (Rankin): August 13 - 18; Rev. Sam Waggoner, pastor of Temple Church, Forest, evangelist; Gerald Giles, music director; services are at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the ground Sunday Aug. 13. Rev. W. C. McGee is pastor.

Good Hope Church, Purvis: August 6-12; Rev. Travis Hudson, pastor of Military Church, Sunnall, evangelist; Monroe McManus, Minister of Music, First Church, Purvis, leading the music; Rev. Russell C. Harris, pastor.

New Liberty (Tishomingo): August 6 - 11; Rev. T. F. Grubbs (pictured), pastor, Calvary, Booneville, evangelist; Rev. Jimmy Bryant, pastor; services 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Big Level Church: Wiggins (Lebanon Association): August 6-11; Rev. Kenneth Kinley, First Church, Altha, Fla., evangelist; Rev. Ben Bryant, pastor. Services at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Braxton Church (Simpson): Aug. 6-11; Rev. John Brock, pictured, pastor, First Church, Pass Christian, evangelist; Gene Hubbard, Berry Points Church, Birmingham, Ala., singer; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. E. D. Richardson, pastor.

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Harmony (Winston): August 6-11; services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Carl Savell, pastor at Pelahatchie, evangelist; Maurice Clay, in charge of music; Brenda Carol Smith, pianist; Rev. W. C. Smith, pastor.

Red Lick: August 6-11; Rev. C. I. Daugherty, Winona, evangelist; Rev. Thomas Wayne Spencer, pastor; services 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.; (The Sunday morning services will include a "church membership roll-call," and final plans for the new church will be adopted. Members, former members, and friends are urged to attend.)

Zion Hill (Amite): August 6-11; Rev. Paul Stender, pastor, evangelist; J. P. Welch, Liberty, song director; services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and lunch on the grounds, Sunday, which is also Homecoming Day; morning and night services through week.

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Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha): July 18-August 4; Rev. John Ed Shell, Utica, evangelist; Rev. Thompson Pitts, pastor; services at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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Dr. Robert Naylor, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Rusklikon-Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Naylor serves as fraternal representative to the Baptists of eastern Europe and teaches part time in the seminary. A Mississippian, he was born in Clarksdale, and lived in Tupelo and Meridian while growing up; he, the former Pauline Willingham, is a native of Macon, Ga.

Miss Margaret Fairburn, missionary, expected to arrive in the States on July 3 for furlough after her first term in Liberia, where she directs Baptist women's work. She may be addressed, c/o Mrs. Earl Skinner, Rte. 6, Tyler, Texas, 75701. A native of Tyler, she was Young Woman's Auxiliary director in Oklahoma before missionary appointment in 1963.

Rev. John Brock, pastor of First Church, Pass Christian, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Oakland Heights Church, Meridian.

Rev. and Mrs. Archie G. Dunaway, Jr., missionaries to Nigeria, were scheduled to arrive in the States on July 3 for furlough. They may be addressed at 1208 Norvel Ave., Nashville, Tenn., 37216. She is the former Margaret Lanier, of Nashville; he is a native of McComb, Miss. Before they went to Nigeria in 1967 he was pastor of Christians (Tenn.) Baptist Church.

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Dr. James D. Belote, missionary on leave from Hong Kong, is serving as director of training for missionary journeymen this summer. He and Mrs. Belote may be addressed, Journeyman Training Program, Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Va., 24201. He is a native of Washington, D.C.; she, the former Martha Bigham, is a native of Water Valley, Miss.

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